

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Treasuries and Accounts Department – West Godavari District - Fraudulent Drawals of Post Metric Scholarship bills of Social Welfare Department at District Treasury, Eluru, West Godavari District – Disciplinary action against the District Treasury Personnel - Sri K.S. Prakasa Rao, Assistant Treasury Officer (Retired), District Treasury, Eluru, West Godavari District – Disciplinary action - Articles of charge – Issued.

FINANCE (ADMN.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O. Rt. No. 4738

Dated. 26.12.2012.
Read the following

1) G.O. Ms. No.347 , Fin (Admn.I) Department, dated. 26.12.2012.

ORDER:

1. In pursuance of the sanction accorded by the Government under Sub clause (i) of clause (b) of Sub rule (2) of Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 for instituting departmental proceedings against Sri K.S. Prakasa Rao, Assistant Treasury Officer (Retired), District Treasury, Eluru, West Godavari District in the reference cited, it is proposed to hold an inquiry against the said Sri K.S. Prakasa Rao, Assistant Treasury Officer (Retired) in accordance with the procedure laid down in the Rule 20 of A.P.C.S.(CC&A) Rules, 1991, as he is responsible for fraudulent drawals of Post Metric Scholarship bills by the personnel of Social Welfare Department at District Treasury, Eluru, West Godavari District.

2. The substance of imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of Articles of Charge (Annexure-I). A statement of imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in support of article of charge (Annexure-II), a list of documents by which the article of charge is proposed to be sustained (Annexure-III) are also enclosed. He is also furnished herewith copies of documents based on which the charges are proposed to be sustained.

3. Sri K.S. Prakasa Rao, Assistant Treasury Officer (Retired) is directed to submit a written statement of his defence within (10) days of the receipt of this order and also to state whether he desires to be heard in person.

4. Sri K.S. Prakasa Rao, Assistant Treasury Officer (Retired) is informed that an Inquiry will be held only, if the article of charge is not admitted. He should therefore, specifically admit or deny the article of charge.

5. Sri K.S. Prakasa Rao, Assistant Treasury Officer (Retired) is further informed that, if he does not submit his written statement of defence within the period specified in para-3 above, or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of the A.P.C.S. (CC&A) Rules, 1991, or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiring Authority may held the inquiry against him ex-parte.

6. He is specifically informed that this memo does not preclude the Government to frame fresh charge/charges, if any further irregularity/irregularities are noticed during the course of disciplinary action.

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7. The receipt of the G.O. may be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**Dr. D. SAMBASIVA RAO
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FP)**

To

Sri K.S. Prakasa Rao, Assistant Treasury Officer (Retired) through the Director of Treasuries and Accounts, AP, Hyderabad.

Copy to the Director of Treasuries and Accounts, A.P., Hyderabad. He is requested to serve the above G.O. to the retired officer and return the served copy immediately.

//FORWARDED BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE – I

**STATEMENT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI K.S. PRAKASA RAO,
ASSISTANT TREASURY OFFICER (Retd.), DISTRICT TREASURY, WEST GODAVARI,
ELURU**

Charge – I:- *“that Sri K.S. Prakasa Rao while working as Assistant Treasury Officer at District Treasury, Eluru, West Godavari District during the period from 11/2007 to 04/2009 has admitted and passed the irregular claims preferred by the Deputy Director, Social Welfare, Eluru and failed to cross check and find-out the omissions in the sanctions and the variations between the sanctions and the annexures enclosed to them as listed out at Sl. No. 1, 4, 5 and 8 to 11, in the statement enclosed to the “Statement of Imputations” even though they contained several omissions as pointed out in the statement of imputations and thereby failed to undertake proper audit of those claims in contravention of provisions contained in SR. (2.) of TR. 16 and the instructions issued in Chapter. XII of Andhra Pradesh Treasuries and Accounts Functionary Manual. Thereby fraudulently facilitated the Drawing and Disbursing Officers concerned to draw and misappropriate the Government funds. Thereby he exhibited misconduct in contravention of Rule. 3 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964”.*

**Dr. D. SAMBASIVA RAO
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FP)**

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SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE – II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOR IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI K.S. PRAKASA RAO, ASSISTANT TREASURY OFFICER (Retd.), DISTRICT TREASURY, WEST GODAVARI, ELURU

An attempt of tampering of Post Metric Scholarship bill for Rs. 30,87,561/- with an intention to misappropriate the Government Funds by the Social Welfare Department personnel was detected by the treasury personnel on 07/02/2009 and a criminal case was filed on 08/02/2009 at III Town Police Station, Eluru duly intimating the matter to the District Collector and Magistrate, West Godavari and to the Director of Treasuries and Accounts, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad, simultaneously informed to the Social Welfare Department. Consequent on the above, a special audit has been conducted by the Accounts Officer, O/o the Commissioner of Social Welfare, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad and found that an amount of Rs. 1,71,58,018/- was misappropriated under scholarships during the period from 2002-03 to 2008-09.

On verification of copies of the duplicate not payable bills available in the District Treasury, Eluru, the following lapses were noticed on part of the treasury personnel in processing for payment of such claims:

a) Not properly verified the sanction proceedings and not found fault with the claims. The initials, Head of Account and period of claim have not been properly checked / verified while processing for payment of such claims.

b) Not properly observed the validity of proceedings enclosed to the claim and thereby amounts were double drawn.

c) Not properly checked the beneficiaries mentioned in the sanction proceedings to that of the beneficiaries shown in annexure attached to the claim.

d) Not properly followed the para. 3 of GO Ms. No. 61, Dated 26/07/2005 of Social Welfare (Edn.2) Department, while processing the bills for payment of claims.

Thus, Sri K.S. Prakasa Rao, while working as Assistant Treasury Officer, District Treasury, Eluru, West Godavari District during the period from 11/2007 to 04/2009 has admitted and passed the irregular claims preferred by the Deputy Director, Social Welfare, Eluru and failed to cross check and find-out the omissions in the sanctions and the variations between the sanctions and the annexures enclosed to them as listed out at Sl. No. 1, 4, 5 and 8 to 11. Thus the charge.

Dr. D. SAMBASIVA RAO
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FP)

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ANNEXURE-III

**LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST
SRI K.S. PRAKASA RAO, ASSISTANT TREASURY OFFICER (Retd.), DISTRICT
TREASURY, WEST GODAVARI, ELURU**

- a.) *Copy of duplicate not payable bill vide Trans. Id. No. 14174, Dated 12/09/2008 for an amount of Rs. 16,00,250/- of DD, SW, Eluru, W.G. Dist.*
- b.) *Copy of duplicate not payable bill vide Trans. Id. No. 7129, Dated 03/07/2008 for an amount of Rs. 35,84,643/- of DD, SW, Eluru, W.G. Dist.*
- c.) *Copy of duplicate not payable bill vide Trans. Id. No. 30291, Dated 05/02/2009 for an amount of Rs. 30,87,561/- of DD, SW, Eluru, W.G. Dist.*
- d.) *Copy of duplicate not payable bill vide Trans. Id. No. 29069, Dated 17/03/2008 for an amount of Rs. 28,04,275/- of DD, SW, Eluru, W.G. Dist.*
- e.) *Copy of duplicate not payable bill vide Trans. Id. No. 14177, Dated 23/09/2008 for an amount of Rs. 13,78,830/- of DD, SW, Eluru, W.G. Dist.*
- f.) *Copy of duplicate not payable bill vide Trans. Id. No. 14179, Dated 16/09/2008 for an amount of Rs. 8,55,980/- of DD, SW, Eluru, W.G. Dist.*
- g.) *Copy of duplicate not payable bill vide Trans. Id. No. 14181, Dated 09/09/2008 for an amount of Rs. 25,21,650/- of DD, SW, Eluru, W.G. Dist.*
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